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1. The Yugoslav 1 Armored Division has been transferred from Kranj to Mladeno-
vac, Serbia, where it now has its headquarters. The move followed the com-
pletion of repairs to about 50 tanks. These repairs, which took about five
months, had been carried out in the industrial area of Kranj, where there is
an electrical machinery factory. There was one 55-ton tank of Soviet type,
but the others were much lighter and of varying types, including tanks of
American, Czech and German manufacture. The only unit which did not accom-
pany the division on the move was one at Ljubljana which consists of two
mobile companies. These operate in the zone south of Ljubljana, particularly
in the Pola area. There are now no armored units left in Kranj, where there
remains only a district military command.

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2. On 20 June two unspecified Macedonian battalions left Bitolj on vehicles for
Ohrid. Their replacements, which arrived in Bitolj at about the end of May,
consisted of two battalions of Croats, Montenegrins and Slovenes, all of whom
are said to be picked Communists from the 48 Division and the 3 Udarina Divi-
sion. They are now attached to the Bitolj Division.

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3. Unspecified troops of the division in the Ohrid area are stationed in Struga
and Resan Devri. Other formations in this area include one labor brigade from
Veles, one youth brigade drawn from the Ohrid area and two foreign labor bat-
tallions. Of these, the youth brigade
and the two foreign labor battalions are said to be equipped with small arms.
It is believed that this labor force will be engaged in the construction of
harbors at Ohrid and Struga, a canal to link the Ohrid and Prespa lakes, a
railroad line between Struga and Ohrid and defenses on the mountains separating
the Ohrid and Prespa lakes.

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4. The transfer of the 3 KNOJ Brigade from the Prespa-Kaimakchalan area to the Ohrid-Resan area was reported to have been completed. It was replaced by the 4 KNOJ Brigade.

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5. Two infantry battalions arrived in Bitolj on 25 and 26 June. Ostensibly they came from Skoplje, but it is possible that they came from further north. They arrived in three trains, the freight cars which were labelled "Skoplje - Bitolj - G.N. 5 Army - 11 Brigade". The troops were strangers to the Bitolj area and no further details about them were obtained. Two more military trains were expected to arrive in Bitolj on 30 June.

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6. The 32 Mountain Infantry Brigade operates in the area of Strazisce near the Austrian frontier. The XX Brigade is reported to be under the command of an infantry division at Jesenice, the designation of which is given as "the 31".

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